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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference A 2126	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, Item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP2005/002975	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 21/03/2005	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 22/03/2004
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 9 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the International application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the International application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the International application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this International search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

as suggested by the applicant.

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C12Q1/44 C12Q1/04 C12Q1/18

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C12Q

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, EMBASE, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT
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Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>LANGLET S ET AL: "A new gel tube method for the direct detection, identification and susceptibility testing of bacteria in clinical samples" FEMS MICROBIOLOGY LETTERS, vol. 170, no. 1, 1 January 1999 (1999-01-01), pages 229-235, XP002343236 ISSN: 0378-1097 the whole document page 229, column 2 page 231 figure 1</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-/--</p>	1-9, 15-26, 28,29

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 098 830 A (BAR-OR ET AL) 24 March 1992 (1992-03-24) the whole document columns 3-5 claim 1 -----	1-9, 15-26, 28,29
X	US 4 603 108 A (BASCOMB ET AL) 29 July 1986 (1986-07-29) the whole document column 3, line 4 - line 20 column 4, line 64 - line 69 -----	1-9, 15-26, 28,29
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X	US 2004/048326 A1 (ROGER-DALBERT CELINE) 11 March 2004 (2004-03-11)	1-9,11, 15-26, 28,29 10
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X	WEI G X ET AL: "Proteolysis and utilization of albumin by enrichment cultures of subgingival microbiota" ORAL MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY, vol. 14, no. 6, December 1999 (1999-12), pages 348-351, XP002343237 ISSN: 0902-0055 the whole document page 349, column 2, paragraph 4 -----	1-9, 14-26, 28,29
X	LAGARDE D ET AL: "High-throughput screening of thermostable esterases for industrial bioconversions" ORGANIC PROCESS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, CAMBRIDGE, GB, vol. 6, no. 4, 27 June 2002 (2002-06-27), pages 441-445, XP002288681 the whole document page 442, column 2 ----- -/-	1-13, 15-29

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Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	DATABASE WPI Section Ch, Week 200308 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class B05, AN 2003-084866 XP002288684 & JP 2002 326942 A (NONOGAWA SHOJI KK) 15 November 2002 (2002-11-15) the whole document -----	1-9, 11, 15-26, 28, 29
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Continuation of Box II.1

The subject-matter of independent claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon involves the step "collecting a sample". The scope of this step covers both a method of treatment of the animal or human body by surgery (e.g. collecting swabs from internal body parts, blood samples etc) and a method of diagnosis practised on the human or animal body.

Furthermore, the scope of claims 17-19, 21-24, 29 covers administering test therapeutic compounds to the human or animal body. This both encompasses a method of treatment of the animal or human body by surgery (administering the compounds) and by therapy (the production of therapeutic effects). However, the search was not correspondingly limited.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 10-13,27 'full!', 1-9,14-26,28,29 'partial!'

2-hydroxy-4-p-nitrophenoxy-butyl decanoate / hexanoate for detecting lipase activity in skin and *Bacillus* microorganisms without previously culturing the microorganisms.

2. claims: 14 'full!', 1-9,14-26,28,29 'partial!'

casein-resorufin for detecting protease activity in *Bacillus* microorganisms without previously culturing the microorganisms.

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Information on patent family members

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